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In re Application of: Allan F. Willis, et al.

Examiner: Roz Ghafoorian

Serial No.: 09/741,730

Art Unit: 3763

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For: SEALING VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR  
MEDICAL PRODUCTS

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2002, and in response to the advisory action mailed April 1, 2003, Applicants are filing a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) in order to have the enclosed Amendment considered for examination. Please enter the following Amendment:

## IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants note the requirement for formal drawings upon allowance of the application, as set forth in paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action.

## IN THE CLAIMS

**Please cancel the withdrawn claims 8-22 without prejudice to the subject matter claimed therein.**

Pl as amend claims 1, 3, and 6 as indicated on the attached sheets which show the particular claim amendments. The claims as amended are presented

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# AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims 13 minus 27 = 0		x \$18 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims 4 minus 8 = 0		x \$84 =	\$ .00
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